United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 05-5388

September Term, 2005

96cv01285

Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al., On: December 9, 2005 [936730] Appellees Filed

V.

Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,
Appellants

BEFORE: Henderson, Rogers, and Tatel, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the motion for stay pending appeal and for expedition, the supplement thereto, the opposition to the motion for stay and motion to vacate the court's administrative stay, the reply to the opposition to the motion for stay and opposition to the motion to vacate the administrative stay, and the reply to the opposition to the motion to vacate the administrative stay, it is

ORDERED that the administrative stay issued October 21, 2005 be dissolved and that the motion for stay pending appeal be granted. The district court's order filed October 20, 2005 granting appellees' motion for a preliminary injunction shall be stayed insofar as it requires disconnection of computers and information technology systems connected as of the date of the order. Appellants have satisfied the stringent standards required for a stay pending appeal. See Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission v. Holiday Tours, Inc., 559 F.2d 841, 843 (D.C. Cir. 1977); D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 33 (2005). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion for expedition be granted. The following briefing schedule shall apply:

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Appellants' Opening Brief

January 11, 2006

Appellees' Brief

February 10, 2006

Appellants' Reply Brief and

Deferred Appendix

February 24, 2006

Final Briefs

March 3, 2006

The parties are directed to file their final briefs by hand. The Clerk is directed to schedule this case for oral argument on the first available date on the court's April 2006 calendar. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to vacate the court's administrative stay be dismissed as moot.

Per Curiam